

DAREBIN BUG – Mid-Week Riders’ Group - Ride Schedule July to September 2024

1. **All rides start at the time of 9.30 am** unless otherwise stated. **Alternate start times and/or meeting places are marked**
2. Meet at the **Jika Jika Community Centre, Northcote (corner of Plant and Union Sts)** unless otherwise stated below
3. The ride leader sets the route and nominates a tail. (The leader needs to maintain a ride speed to suit all the group)

DATE	RIDE NAME	DESCRIPTION & APPROX km	LEADER
Tuesday 2 Jul 2024	Westmeadows with views	Ride to the Moonee Ponds Creek path (MT). Continue to the Western Ring Road path. Ride up through Gladstone Park to take in the views. Continue to Westmeadows (L). Return via the Upfield path or Merri Creek path. Approx 50km. <i>Note: School Holidays</i>	Andrew
Thursday 4 Jul 2024	Riders to decide	Riders to decide on the ride and the leader <i>Note: School Holidays</i>	On the day
Tuesday 9 Jul 2024	Steele Creek trail	Ride north along the Moonee Ponds Trail before riding to the Western Ring Road path. Via back streets to the Steele Creek trail. Down the Steele Creek trail past the old Niddrie Quarry site before joining the Maribyrnong Trail at the foot of the Afton Street hill. Back to Jika via Kensington. Approx. 55km <i>Note: School Holidays</i>	Ian H
Thursday 11 Jul 2024	Frankston	Catch the 8.57am train from Westgarth to Jolimont then ride to Richmond station for the train to Frankston. From Frankston station ride along the Kananook Creek path. (Morning tea along the way). Take the Longbeach trail to Mordiallic. Continue on the Bay trail north (lunch along the way) and then onto Westgarth. If a northerly wind is forecast, a decision will be made a day or so before to reverse the ride and catch the train back. Approx 65km <i>Note: School Holidays</i>	Ed
Tuesday 16 Jul 2024	Jack Roper Reserve	Take the Darebin Creek trail north to Norris Bank Park (MT). Continue on the Darebin Creek trail to the Western Ring Road path. Ride west on the Ring Road path. Cross Sydney Rd and after the small lake, take the turn north under the Ring Road to Jack Roper Reserve. (L) Return via the Merri Creek trail or the Upfield trail. Approx 60km	Colin
Thursday 18 Jul 2024	Wattle Park	Ride along the Capital City and Gardiners Creek trails. Turning off at the Ferndale trail (MT along the way). Back on Gardiners Creek trail for Wattle Park (L). Box Hill to Bushy & Koonung Creek trails. Approx. 50km	Sue
Tuesday 23 Jul 2024	Plenty River trail reversed	It all looks different going the other way. M/T at Possum Park, then via Lakeside Drive mansion circuit and north up the Plenty to the Greensborough Bypass and on to lunch at Binnak Park. Some streets, Latrobe Uni & Darebin Creek to A/T at Artiga Specialty Coffee. You can pull out to Macleod Station for a 40km ride or do the full 53km to Jika	Jopie
Thursday 25 Jul 2024	Riders to decide	Riders to decide on the ride and the leader	On the day

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Tuesday 30 Jul 2024	Hurstbridge – train return	Ride along the Main Yarra Trail to Possum Park, Warringal Parklands (MT). Then the on Main Yarra / Diamond Creek trails to Eltham (L). Continue on the trail to Wattle Glen and Hurstbridge. Return to Westgarth station via train. Approx 40km	Nola
Thursday 1 Aug 2024	Bundoora & Springthorpe	Where is Springthorpe? Ride north up St George’s Road and Northern Pipe track to Reservoir station (MT). Continue up Cheddar Rd to Dole Avenue, turn right and ride down quiet streets to Darebin Creek Trail. Turn north up to Western Ring Rd trail and turn left towards Murchison Way to McKimmies Road. Turning east ride to Plenty Rd to Telfer Reserve Bundoora (L). Ride back through Gresswell Forest, Springthorpe and Latrobe University to the Darebin Creek trail. Approx 40km	James
Tuesday 6 Aug 2024	Blackburn Lake	Ride to the Anniversary Trail. Continue south to Frog Hollow Reserve (MT). Then to the Gardiners Creek trail. At Canterbury Rd, ride north on Middleborough Rd/ Blackburn Rd/ Alandale Rd to Blackburn lake (L). Return through back streets to the Koonung Trail/Main Yarra trail. Approx. 55km	Andrew
Thursday 8 Aug 2024	Ruffey Creek	Ride along the Yarra Trail to Possum Park (MT), continue on the Main Yarra Trail to the Ruffey Trail Suspension bridge. Cross to the south side of the Yarra and turn left onto the Ruffey Creek Trail. Continue on the Ruffey Creek trail until Ruffey Lake Park (L). Return via the Koonung Trail. (via either Church Rd or Schramms Reserve/Whittens Lane). Approx. 40km. Some hills.	Jon
Tuesday 13 Aug 2024	Royal Botanic Gardens and St.Kilda Botanic Gardens	Take the Capital City Trail via Dights Falls to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Alexandra Ave, Gate opposite Morrell Bridge (MT). After continue along the Main Yarra Trail to Southbank, take the Sandridge Trail to Beacon Cove. Take the Bay Trail south to the St Kilda Marina. Cross Marine Parade to Dickens st, to the St Kilda Botanical Gardens (L). Return to Westgarth via Bay Trail or Albert Park Lake/Moray street. Approx 50km	Glenys
Thursday 15 Aug 2024	Scotchman's & Dandenong Creek trails to Heatherdale	Catch the 8.57am train from Westgarth to Jolimont then ride to Richmond station for the train to East Malvern. Ride on the Scotchman's Creek trail to Jells Park. Continue on the Dandenong Creek and Eastlink trails north to Heatherdale. Ride on the Ringwood to Box Hill trail. Return to Westgarth on the Koonung trail. Morning tea and lunch along the way. Some hills along the way. Approx. 55km	Sue
Tuesday 20 Aug 2024	Wollert & Upper Darebin Creek	Meet at Merri Station for the 9.24am train to Middle Gorge. South Morang Lakes & Henderson Creek to Darebin Creek and a loop up into Wollert & the Darebin Creek headwaters. Lunch at Norris Bank on the way back south. 48 km approx or pull out to Reservoir Station for a shorter ride	Jopie
Thursday 22 Aug 2024	100 Steps to Federation	Ride to Yarraville Gardens (MT). Head south on Hyde st towards Newport and Williamstown and around to the Altona foreshore, to Laverton Creek to the “100 steps” (L). Return via backstreets to Jika Jika. Approx. 66km.	Colin

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Tuesday 27 Aug 2024	Riders to decide	Riders to choose on the day. A suggestion - the group rides to Brighton Beach without a leader. Take the Capital City Trail via the City Link to the Docklands. Then down the Sandridge Rail Trail to Port Melbourne and the Bay Trail south to Brighton Beach Gardens (L). Return to Westgarth via Bay Trail/Albert Park/Moray St. Morning tea along the way. Approx 55km	On the day
Thursday 29 Aug 2024	Eastlink – south to north	Catch the 8.57am train from Westgarth to Jolimont then ride to Richmond station for the train to Yarraman station. Join the Eastlink path riding north to Oakwood Park (MT). Continue to Jells Park (L). Back on the Eastlink trail ride to Ringwood. Turn left at Molan st to Heatherdale station. Continue on the Box Hill to Ringwood Rail Trail west. Take backstreets to get to the Koonung Creek trail / Main Yarra Trail. Approx. 55km	James
Monday 2 Sept 2024	Ride planning meeting	Ride planning group meets at James’s	Jopie, Nola, James, Jon & Sue
Tuesday 3 Sep 2024	Mernda – train return	Ride north up St George’s Road and Northern Pipe track and change to the Darebin Creek trail north. Morning tea along the way. Continue on the Darebin Creek Trail to the South Morang Rail Trail and South Morang station. Then ride to Hawkestone Park (L) and continue to Mernda on the Mernda Rail Trail. Return by train from Mernda (or ride back to Epping). Approx 40km	Ralph
Thursday 5 Sep 2024	Mullum Mullum trail	Ride along the Koonung trail and then to the Eastlink trail (MT along the way). Turn off to the Mullum Mullum trail (lunch at Mullum Mullum Reserve) and follow to the Main Yarra trail. Approx 57km	Ed
Tuesday 10 Sep 2024	Newport Lakes	Ride to Yarraville Gardens (MT). Head south on Hyde st towards Newport. Take the Bay Trail West through Williamstown and Jawbone Reserve and wetlands. At Maddox Rd turn north continue to Mason St. Turn left to Newport Lakes (L). Return via Mason st Newport Railway Station. Take the station underpass to travel back to the Bay Trail West. Return via Yarraville and Footscray Rd or Kensington. Approx. 50km	Glenys

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Thursday 12 Sep 2024	Western Port Bay Trail	<p>Meet at Somerville station (Mornington Peninsula) for 10am ride start. There is parking in the shopping centre Somerville Plaza close by on Eramosa Rd West. Riders can drive or take the train to Frankston then Somerville and meet the group at Somerville station car park.</p> <p>Western Port Bay trail is mainly a rail trail but also passes coastal, bush and beach areas. Starting at Somerville ride down to Tyabb, Hastings, (MT) Stony Point (L) Crib Point and Bittern then return via Hastings (cuppa) path back to Somerville.</p> <p>For those travelling by train, the train arrives at Somerville from Frankston at 9.40am and train returns to Frankston leaving Stony point roughly at 2pm 4pm and 6 pm. Ride could be shorter by catching this train back to Somerville and then Frankston. Fairly flat. Approx 45kms. Contact the leader if you intend to ride.</p>	Jon
Tuesday 17 Sep 2024	Wattle Park via Hawthorn & Back Creek	This route takes in bits of Yarra Bend, the Hawthorn side of the Yarra and devious other routes through Camberwell to lunch at Wattle Park, returning via Canterbury & the Anniversary Trail with variations. Approx 47km	Jopie
Thursday 19 Sep 2024	Werribee River and Skeleton Creek	Meet at 9am at Jika Jika to ride to North Melbourne station to catch the Werribee train. From Werribee station ride to Werribee mansion (MT) via the Federation Trail, Duncans Rd, K Rd and Main Drive. Afterwards back to join the Federation trail on Duncans Rd. Stay on the trail and cross over the freeway at Sneydes Rd to join the Skeleton Creek trail until it joins the Bay Trail at Cheetham Wetlands. Lunch at 100 steps to Federation (Truganina Park). Ride to Altona then alongside Maddox Rd to Newport and re-join the Bay trail near Spotswood. Ride to Westgarth or return by train. (Note: the south western entrance to Werribee Mansion grounds is sometimes inaccessible, but the Mansion grounds can be accessed via the front entrance). Approx 65km	Ian H
Tuesday 24 Sep 2024	Craigieburn trail (train to Broadmeadows)	Ride to Kensington station and take the train to Broadmeadows. Ride to Craigieburn via the Broadmeadows Valley trail or quiet roads and returning by the Galada Tamboore Trail/Western Ring Road/Merri Creek Trail. Morning tea and lunch along the way. Approx. 58km <i>Note: School Holidays</i>	Ed
Thursday 26 Sep 2024	Anniversary & Gardeners Creek trails loop	Ride to the Anniversary Trail. Continue south on the Anniversary Trail to Frog Hollow Reserve (MT). Continue past Alamein and turn right onto the Gardiners Creek trail west to the TH King Oval /Pavillion (L). Continue to the Capital City Trail turning right then via Dights Falls back to Westgarth Approx. 40km <i>Note: School Holidays</i>	Colin